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UNCANNY AVENGERS

ALL-NEW MARVEL NOW!

PREVIOUSLY IN

HELLBENT ON GETTING REVENGE ON THE TIME-TRAVELING MASTERMIND KANG, EIMIN AND HER TWIN BROTHER URIEL USED THOR'S ENCHANTED AXE TO FELL A CELESTIAL, DOOMING THE EARTH TO DESTRUCTION AT THE HANDS OF THE CELESTIAL EXECUTIONER. TO SAVE THEIR SPECIES FROM CERTAIN DEATH, THE PAIR RAPTURED MUTANTKIND TO A NEW HOMEWORLD, PLANET X. THERE, THE SURVIVORS CONTINUED TO LIVE THEIR LIVES—INCLUDING HAVOK AND WASP, WHO MARRIED AND HAD A DAUGHTER, KATIE.

HOWEVER, THE AVENGERS NEVER STOPPED TRYING TO RIGHT THEIR MISTAKES AND PREVENT THE EARTH'S DESTRUCTION. THOUGH THEIR GOAL WAS TO BRING THE TIME-TRAVERSING IMMORTUS AND HIS INFINITY WATCH TO THEIR AID, THEY INSTEAD SUCCEEDED IN SUMMONING KANG AND SOME OF THE MOST DANGEROUS SUPERHUMANS GATHERED FROM ACROSS TIME TO THEIR SIDE. WITH THEIR HELP—AND THE PROMISE THAT KATIE WOULD BE SHUTTLED TO SAFETY—THE AVENGERS ASSEMBLED ONCE MORE, PROJECTING THEIR CONSCIOUSNESSES INTO THE PAST.

NOT SQUANDERING THEIR SECOND CHANCE, THE AVENGERS WORKED IN CONCERT TO SAVE THE EARTH. ROGUE, WIELDING THE SIPHONED POWERS OF EARTH'S SUPER HEROES—INCLUDING FELLOW AVENGER SIMON WILLIAMS, A.K.A. WONDER MAN—WAS JOINED BY THE NEWLY-RESURRECTED SENTRY TO SLOW THE EXECUTIONER'S DESCENT TO EARTH. AND THOR ONCE MORE USED HIS AXE TO SPLAY OPEN THE CELESTIAL. BUT ONLY THEN KANG REVEALED HIS TRUE PLAN: AMBUSHING THOR, HE DRANK IN THE CELESTIAL'S POWER AND ASCENDED, DUBBING HIMSELF KANG, CONQUEROR OF THE UNIVERSE...

AVENGE THE EARTH CONCLUSION

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WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, ARNO?!

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?!

DIDN'T CAP TELL YOU? KANG IS WHAT'S GOING ON.

BECAUSE OF HIM, BECAUSE OF HIS DAMNED SCHEMING, MY FUTURE IS GONE!

I'M SORRY--IF I THOUGHT THERE WAS ANY HOPE IN HELL, I'D HELP YOU OUT.

BUT THERE'S NO STOPPING HIM, TONY.

NOT NOW.

KWA-DOOM

BOOM

"THERE'S ONLY LEARNING TO SERVE HIM."

VICTOR VON DOOM BENDS HIS KNEE TO *NO MAN!*

FOOL! JOINING KANG IS THE ONLY OPTION-- WE WERE OUTPLAYED BEFORE WE KNEW THERE WAS A GAME!

KANG HAS PLOTTED THIS FOR CENTURIES. ALL TO ENSURE ONLY *ONE* TIMELINE REMAINS--

"...THE KANG DYNASTY."

THE GREAT COSMIC GIFTS SURGE WITHIN ME!

IT IS THE WILL OF THE COSMOS THAT I RESHAPE HER IN MY LIKENESS!

ONE *PRIME* DIMENSION UNDER THE DOMINION OF ONE *TRUE* DEITY!

NAY--

--YOUR FATE IS TO *DIE* UNDER MY AXE!

RIGHT ON TIME.

THUNP

YOU'RE ANGRY, THOR.

I SEE THAT.

NO ONE LIKES BEING *USED*, LEAST OF ALL AN *ARROGANT FAILURE*.

BY MY CODE I *OWE* YOU A FIGHT, MY PUPPET.

AND ONCE I AM DONE DRINKING, ONCE I HAVE HAD MY FILL--

--YOU WILL HAVE YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO *DIE* AT MY HAND.

WHAT THE *HELL* IS KANG DOING HERE?!
BETRAYING US!
I WARNED YOU WE WERE PLAYING INTO HIS HANDS, HAVOK!
HE'S NOT INTERESTED IN SAVING THE EARTH FROM THE CELESTIAL EXECUTIONER--
--HE'S STEALING ITS COSMIC ENERGIES!
IT'S ON US TO STOP HIM, SUNFIRE. NO ONE ELSE KNOWS HE'S EVEN HERE!
THE CELESTIAL HAS ITS OWN ATMOSPHERE--IF I COULD IGNITE THE OXYGEN--
IT WON'T BE ENOUGH. THERE'S ONLY ONE OPTION.
WE ABSORB THE ENERGY OURSELVES.
YOU ARE RIGHT, OLD FRIEND.
BUT I DO NOT HEAD INTO THIS BLIND TO WHAT *THAT* MEANS--
"--THIS *WILL* DESTROY US."
WAAAP
THAT WAS ALL THE ENERGY I HAD-- HE WON'T BE DOWN FOR LONG.
YOU READY FOR THIS?

NO MAN IS EVER READY TO DIE.
KANG HAS FORESEEN THIS. MUST HAVE.
EVERY THING WE'VE DONE--
--ALL PART OF HIS PLAN.
A PLAN THAT HOLDS NOT ONLY THE LIFE ENERGIES OF A CELESTIAL--
--BUT THE LIFE OF MY DAUGHTER.
TOO LITTLE--
--AND FAR TOO LATE.
GAAK--
SHLNK
HE MOVES AT THE SPEED OF THOUGHT--
--GROWN FAR BEYOND THE PHYSICAL REALM.
THE MOMENT HANGS FROZEN--
--HE'S SLOWING TIME.
MAKING ME WATCH.
FROZEN FOR AN ETERNITY AS SHIRO DISINTEGRATES--
--HE TURNS TO ME AND SMILES.
HE KNOWS THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO--

--MY FRIEND IS ALREADY GONE.

GRAAGHH--!

QUITE A BURN, ALEX. NOT EVEN YOUR MUTATED CELLS CAN PROCESS SUCH *RAW* COSMIC POWER.

IT WILL BE THE LAST INJURY YOU OR YOUR FRIENDS SUFFER--PROVIDED YOU SUBMIT TO THE SERVICE OF KANG.

YOU-- *YOU THINK I'LL SERVE YOU?!*

I KNOW YOU'LL SERVE ME.

CALM NOW, ALEX. CALM.

THINK OF *KATIE.*

IF YOU CONTINUE THIS *FOLLY--*

--YOU WILL *NEVER* SEE YOUR DAUGHTER AGAIN.

APPRECIATE OUR SITUATION, IRON MAN.
IF WE REFUSE KANG--WE ALL DIE.
MORE THAN THAT--OUR FUTURES DIE.
YOU CAN HELP US...HELP US FIGHT HIM!

IF I DON'T KILL YOU, KANG WILL, THEN ME NEXT.
THERE'S NO STOPPING HIM, TONY. NOT THIS TIME.
I'M A PRAGMATIST. IF OUR ROLES WERE REVERSED--YOU'D DO THE SAME.

KWANG!
YOU'VE GOT THAT WRONG.

WE'D FIND ANOTHER WAY! WE'RE NOT SELF-SERVING COWARDS WHO--YERAGHH!
BLAME YOURSELF! YOU WERE THE FOOLS WHO TRUSTED KANG!
IF WE ARE TO SURVIVE--YOU MUST DIE.
NOTHING WILL STOP US!
MIGHT WANT TO RECONSIDER, BRADDOCK--

"--THERE'S A PRETTY BIG 'NOTHING' COMING IN BEHIND YOU."

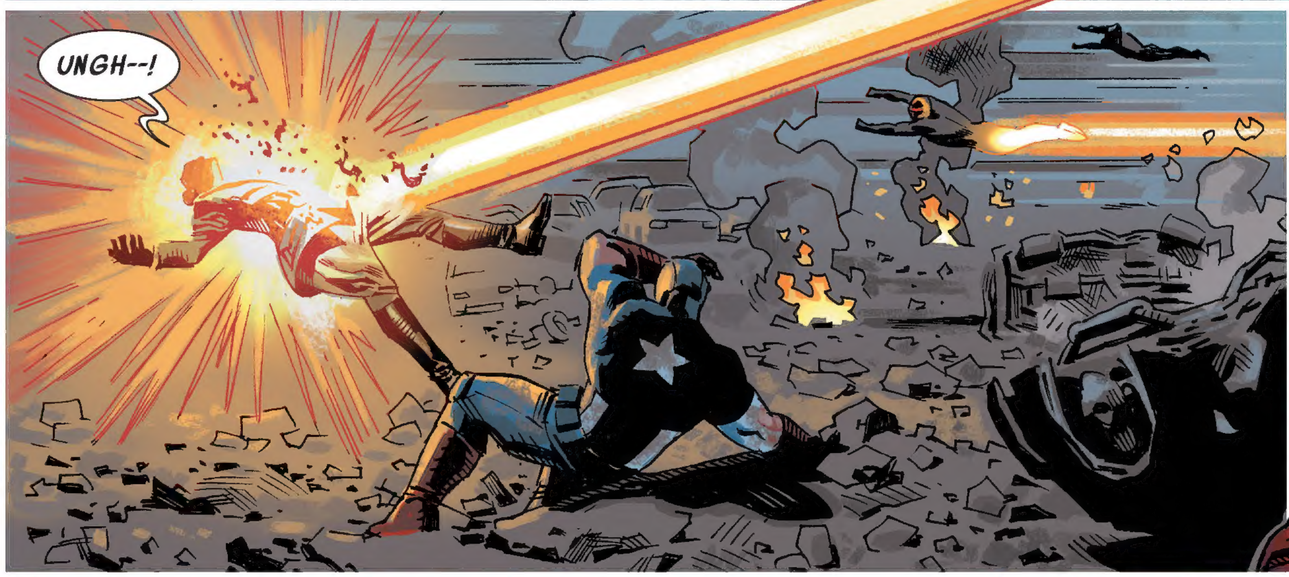
TO ACTION, INFINITY WATCH!

THIS IS IT--THE CRUX OF THE LAST TIMELINE--THE PRIME HOUR WHEN KANG SEEDS HIS DOMINION OVER ALL LIFE!

TAKE KANG'S PUPPETS DOWN WHILE I HUNT HIM!

YOU HEARD IMMORTUS--MAKE NO MISTAKE--IF WE FAIL HERE, ALL OTHER POSSIBILITIES ARE LOST--

--THE KANG ASCENDANCY WILL BE IRREVERSIBLE!



"...OR WHAT HE COULD BE AFTER."

I ARRANGED YOUR MARRIAGE TO JANET--I WILLED YOUR DAUGHTER INTO EXISTENCE.

SERVE ME LOYALLY--AND YOU'LL SEE THEM BOTH AGAIN.

MY KATIE WEIGHED AGAINST THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE.

HE'LL RETURN HER TO US--

HE HAS NO REASON NOT TO--

--NO.

THAT'S A DREAM.

EVERYTHING HE SAYS IS A LIE.

HE'LL USE HER TO STOP ME FROM FIGHTING BACK--

--UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE.

CAN'T PLAY BY HIS RULES ANYMORE.

IF I WANT MY DAUGHTER--

--I'LL HAVE TO TAKE HER.
ZZRRROOOM
GHAA--!
ENTIRE UNIVERSE COUNTING ON ME--
CAN'T ALLOW HIM TO USE HER AS A SHIELD.
THAT WAS UNWISE.
GOT THE SAME ENERGY COURSING THROUGH ME--
I CAN TAKE HIM--
--FORCE HIM TO RETURN HER--
--TWIST OFF HIS DAMNED HEAD!
YOU ARE KILLING HER, ALEX!
IS THIS HOW A HERO BEHAVES?!
DON'T LISTEN TO HIS LIES.
DON'T THINK ABOUT ANY OF IT--
JUST BE STRONGER--
PUT THIS MONSTER DOWN--
PROOOM
--FOR THE SAKE OF EVERY CHILD.

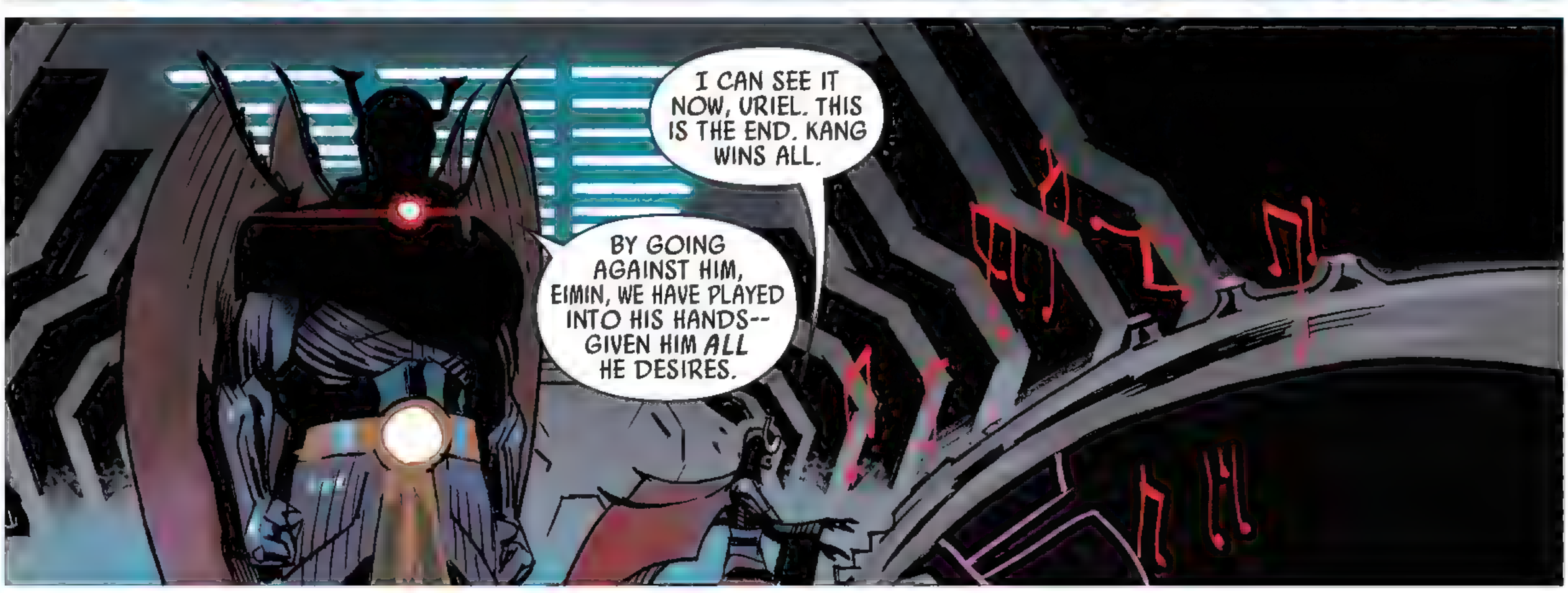
IN WHAT REALITY COULD YOU HAVE EVER HOPED TO DEFEAT ME?
YOUR PROBLEM, ALEX, IS THAT YOU BELIEVED THAT THERE IS GOOD IN ALL PEOPLE.
BELIEVED THERE WAS "GOOD" IN ME.
IT MADE MANIPULATING YOU SO SIMPLE.
BUT CONCEPTS SUCH AS "GOOD" OR "EVIL" HOLD NO VALUE TO A BEING OF MY PROMINENCE!
YOU'VE DONE MY WILL SINCE THE DAY YOU WERE BORN!
YOU ALL HAVE!
I'M THE ONE WHO GAVE YOU YOUR CHILD--AND I WILL TAKE HER AWAY!
FOR I AM GOD!
WOULD A GOD CELEBRATE SO PREMATURELY--

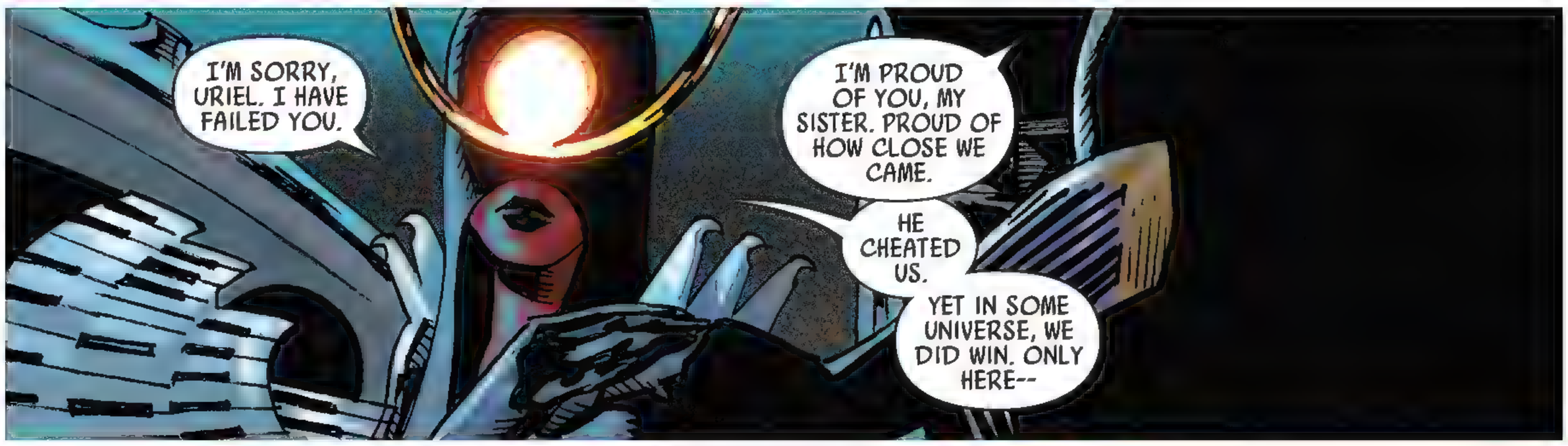
--WOULD A GOD SO GROSSLY UNDERESTIMATE HIS OPPONENTS?!

GHRAGH--!
I DRANK FROM THE SAME COSMIC WELLSPRING AS YOU, VULTURE.
ONLY MY FRAME NO LONGER LIMITS HOW MUCH I CONTAIN!

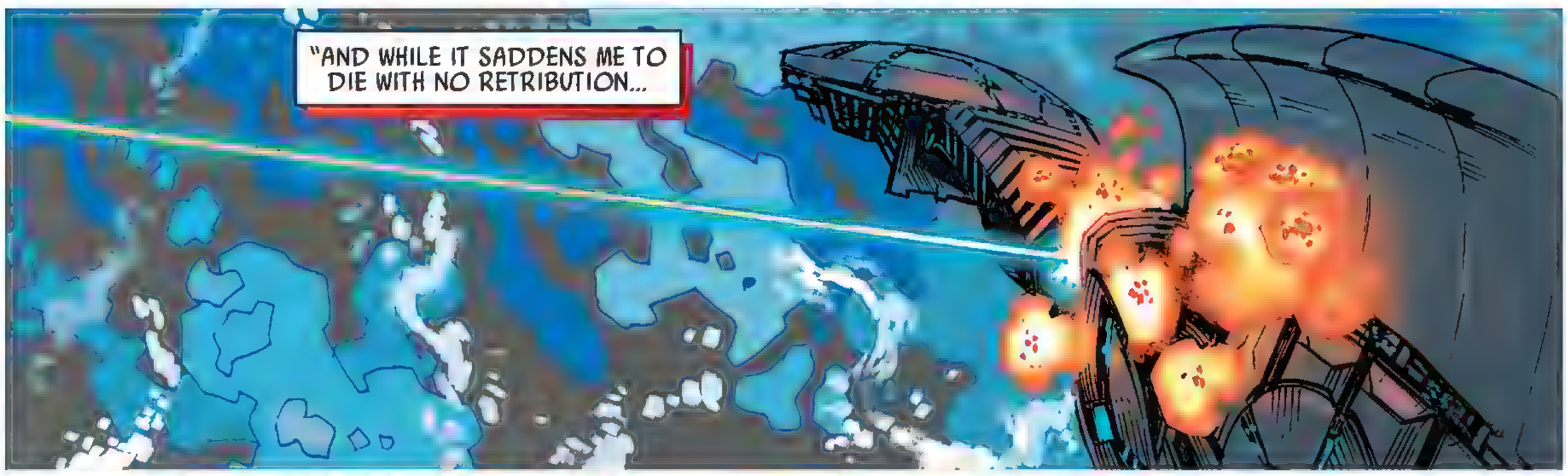
YOU FACE SUNFIRE, THE ATOMIC KNIGHT--UNLEASHED!
AND I AM NO ONE'S PAWN, KANG.
NOT YOURS--

--NOR YOUR CHILDREN'S.


I CAN SEE IT NOW, URIEL. THIS IS THE END. KANG WINS ALL.
BY GOING AGAINST HIM, EIMIN, WE HAVE PLAYED INTO HIS HANDS--GIVEN HIM ALL HE DESIRES.


I'M SORRY, URIEL. I HAVE FAILED YOU.
I'M PROUD OF YOU, MY SISTER. PROUD OF HOW CLOSE WE CAME.
HE CHEATED US.
YET IN SOME UNIVERSE, WE DID WIN. ONLY HERE--

"--HERE, KANG'S CRUELTY TO US GOES UNPUNISHED.


"AND WHILE IT SADDENS ME TO DIE WITH NO RETRIBUTION...

"...AT LEAST THIS TIME WE DIE TOGETHER."
STEVE, IT'S LOGAN. THE APOCALYPSE TWINS' ARK IS FALLIN' DOWN.

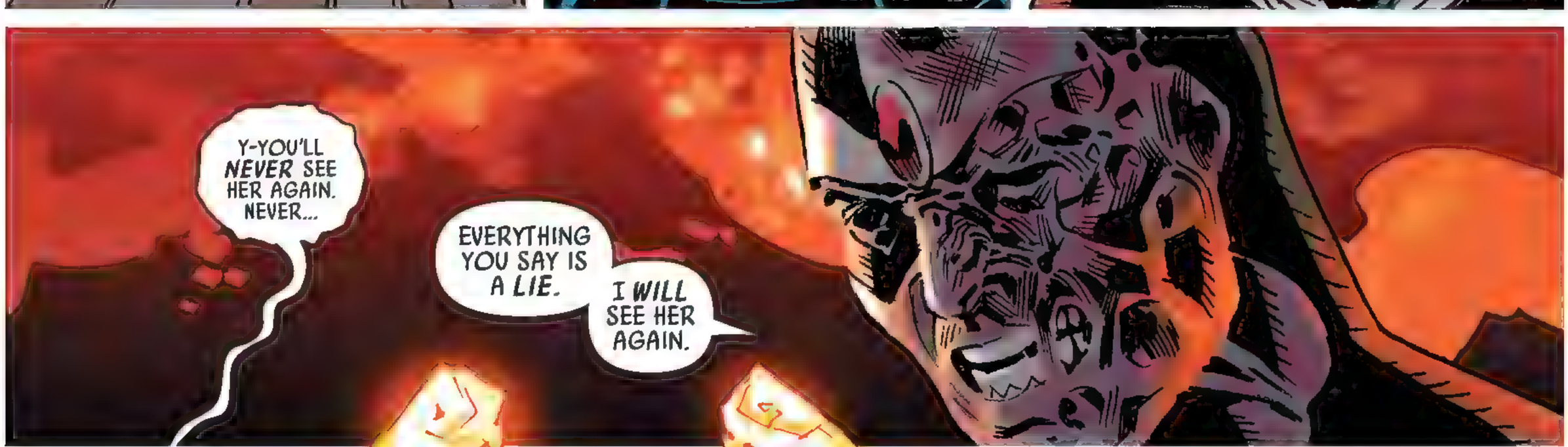
MY DAUGHTER IS LOST.
LOST THE MOMENT HE TOOK HER.
ONLY ONE WAY TO STOP THIS--ONLY ONE WAY TO UNDO KANG'S SCHEMES--
--THE LAST THING HE EXPECTS.
YOU WANTED A CHALLENGE, GENIUS?!

YOU GOT ONE!

HE DIDN'T EXPECT THIS--
IT'S WRITTEN ALL OVER THAT SMUG FACE.
SURPRISE, YOU PIECE OF DIRT--
KROOM

DRINK IN THE ENERGY HE STOLE--
--HIT HIM WITH IT--
TWOOM
PLEASE, GOD, LET THIS WORK.
FIND SOME WAY--

SOME WAY THROUGH THIS--
SOME WAY BACK TO MY DAUGHTER--
STOP--!


Y-YOU'LL NEVER SEE HER AGAIN. NEVER...
EVERYTHING YOU SAY IS A LIE.
I WILL SEE HER AGAIN.

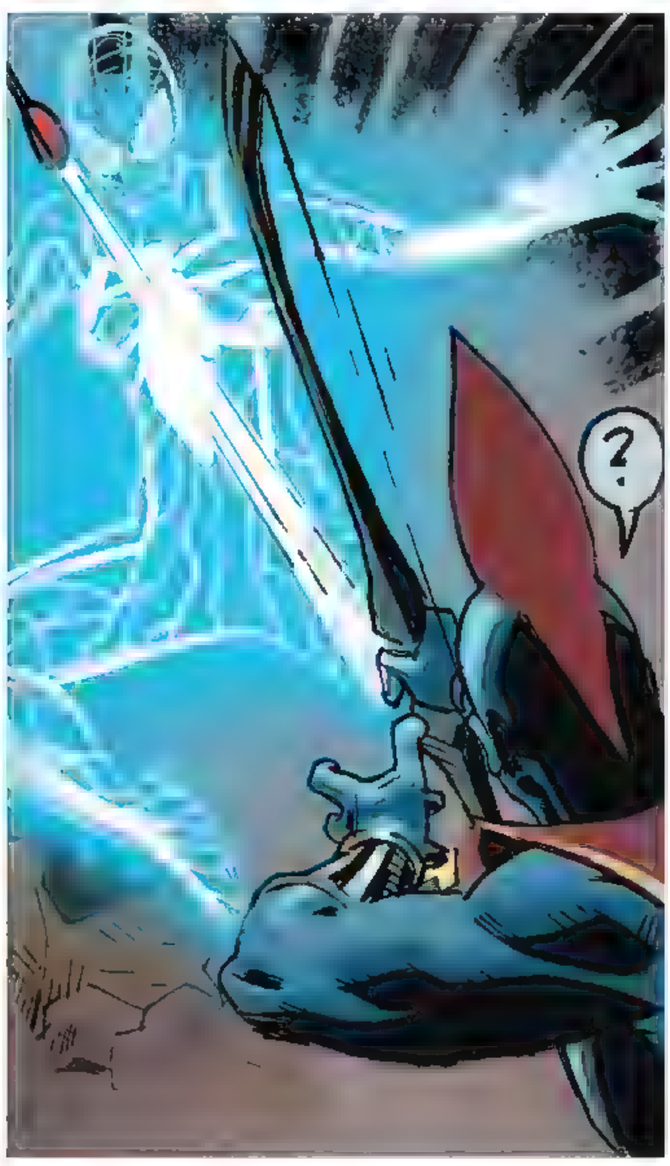
AND I'M DONE LISTENING TO YOU.

KROOM

GIVE HER TO ME!
GIVE HER TO ME OR I'LL KILL YOU!
LEAVE IT TO A SUMMERS TO ENSURE EVERYBODY LOSES...

THERE WILL BE HELL TO PAY.
YOU'VE LAID YOUR FISTS ON KANG!
AND FOR SUCH A THING...

...THERE IS A GREAT COST.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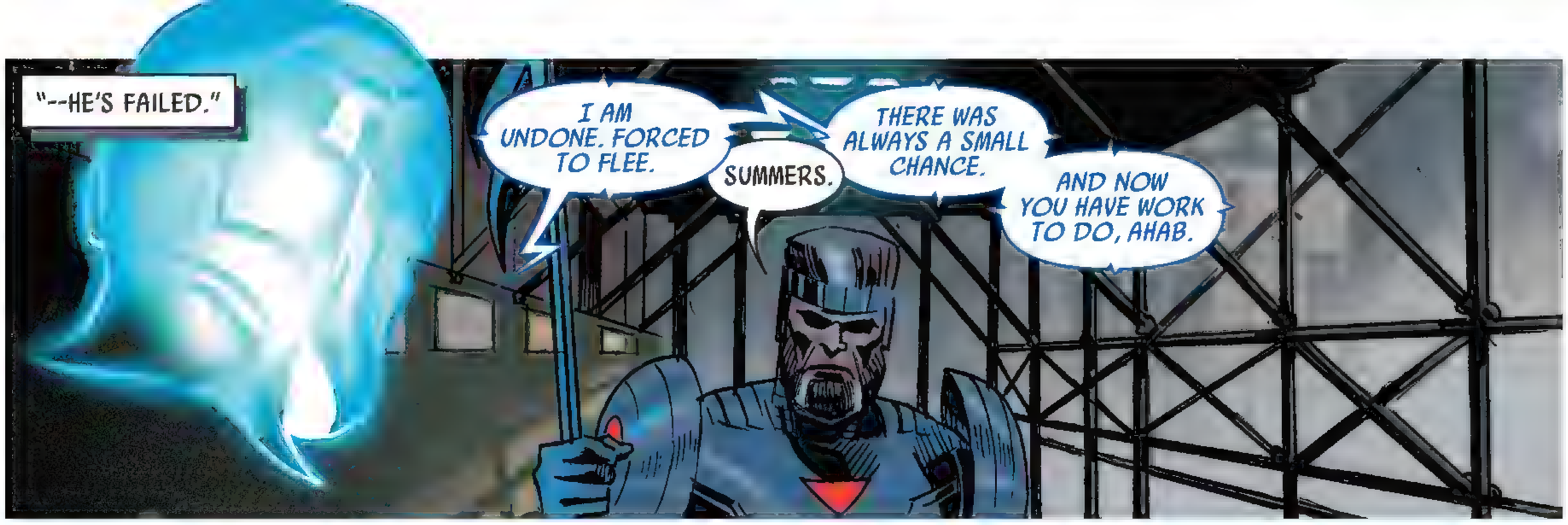
"HE IS GONE. I CAN FEEL IT.
"WHATEVER HIS PLOT HERE--


"--HE'S FAILED."
I AM UNDONE. FORCED TO FLEE.
SUMMERS.
THERE WAS ALWAYS A SMALL CHANCE.
AND NOW YOU HAVE WORK TO DO, AHAB.

THE GIANT IS DEAD...

...HIS ENERGY RETURNED TO THE WHITE HOT ROOM WHERE IT WILL AWAIT REBIRTH.
HOW CAN YOU BE CERTAIN?
I CAN FEEL IT.

I'VE ENJOYED BEING AN AVENGER TODAY, JANET.
HAVE NO FEAR-- I'LL TAKE A GREAT JOURNEY, MOVING EXITAR'S BODY FAR FROM EARTH.
BUT, EVEN THEN, KNOW THIS...

"...THE CELESTIALS' WRATH WILL BE MIGHTY."
STEVE, IT'S DONE.
THE SENTRY IS GONE, FOR NOW.

I NEED A PORTAL.
COMING RIGHT UP, JANET.

CAN HE BE TRUSTED? CAN THE SENTRY BE TRUSTED TO--

YES. HE THINKS HE'S THE COSMIC PROTECTOR OF HUMANITY, HE'LL COME THROUGH.

WHERE'S ALEX?!

WHERE IS MY HUSBAND?!

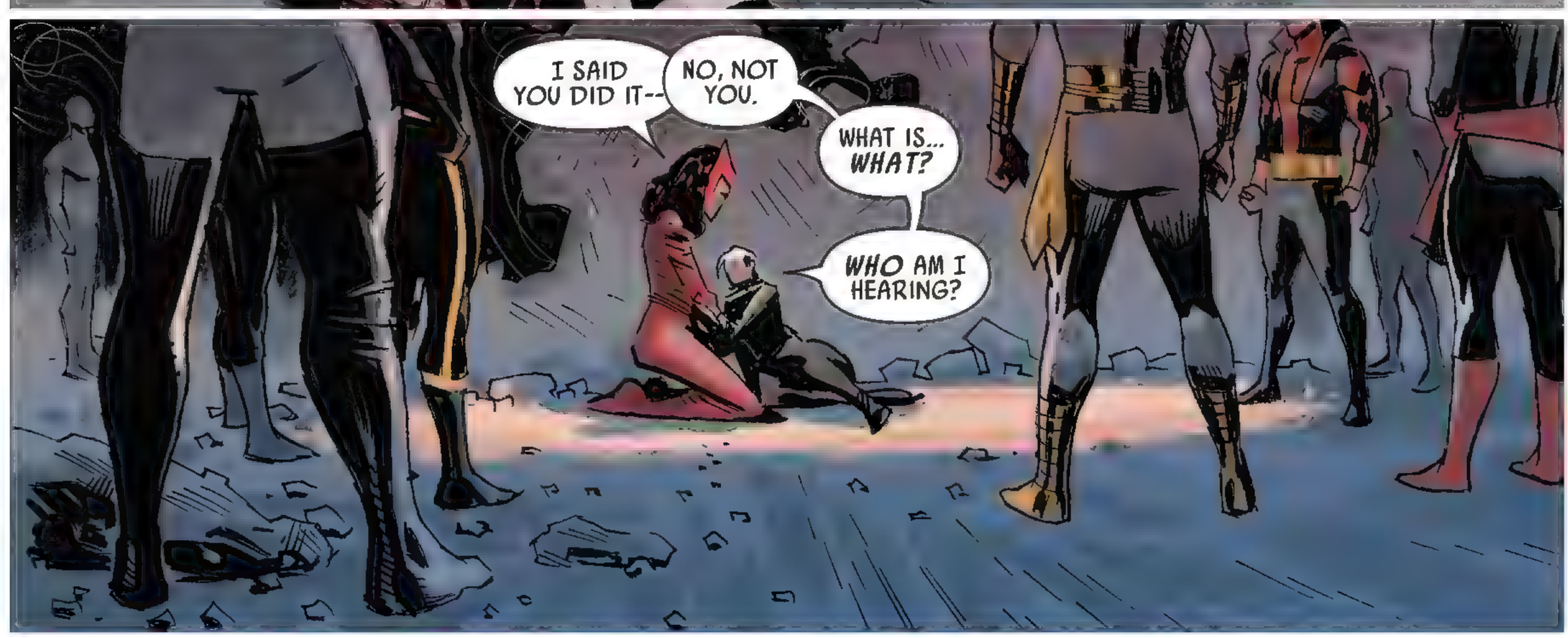
HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE HERE--THAT WAS THE PLAN!

NOTHING HAS GONE ACCORDING TO PLAN, WASP.

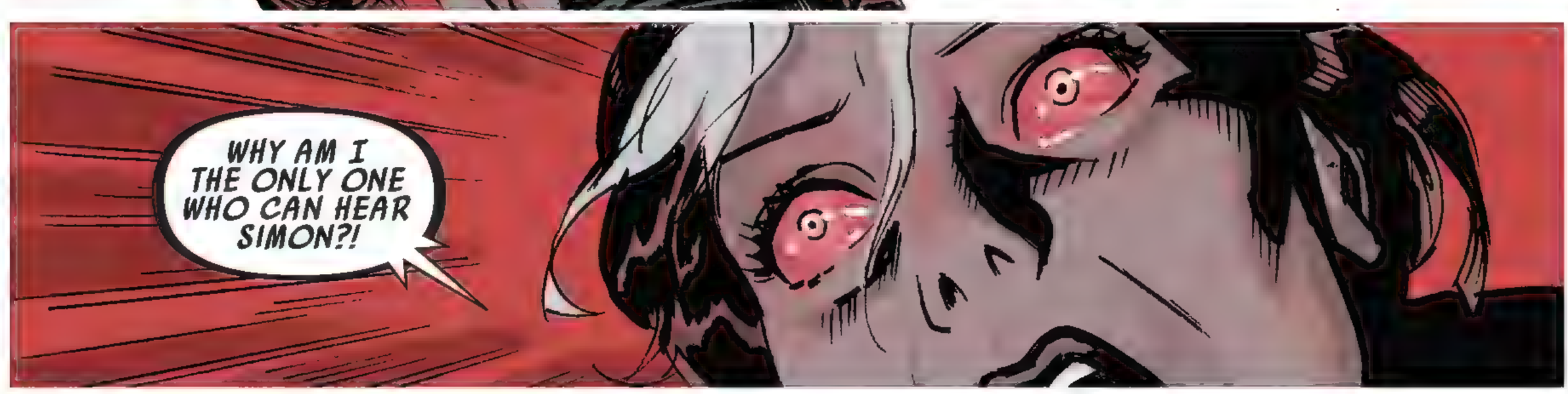
AND ROGUE--?! PLEASE, GOD. DON'T LET HER BE--

--RELEASE AND RETURN THE ENERGIES YOU BORROWED!

YOU DID IT, ANNA MARIE.
YOU DID IT.
WHAT? WHAT DID YOU SAY?


I SAID YOU DID IT--
NO, NOT YOU.
WHAT IS... WHAT?
WHO AM I HEARING?

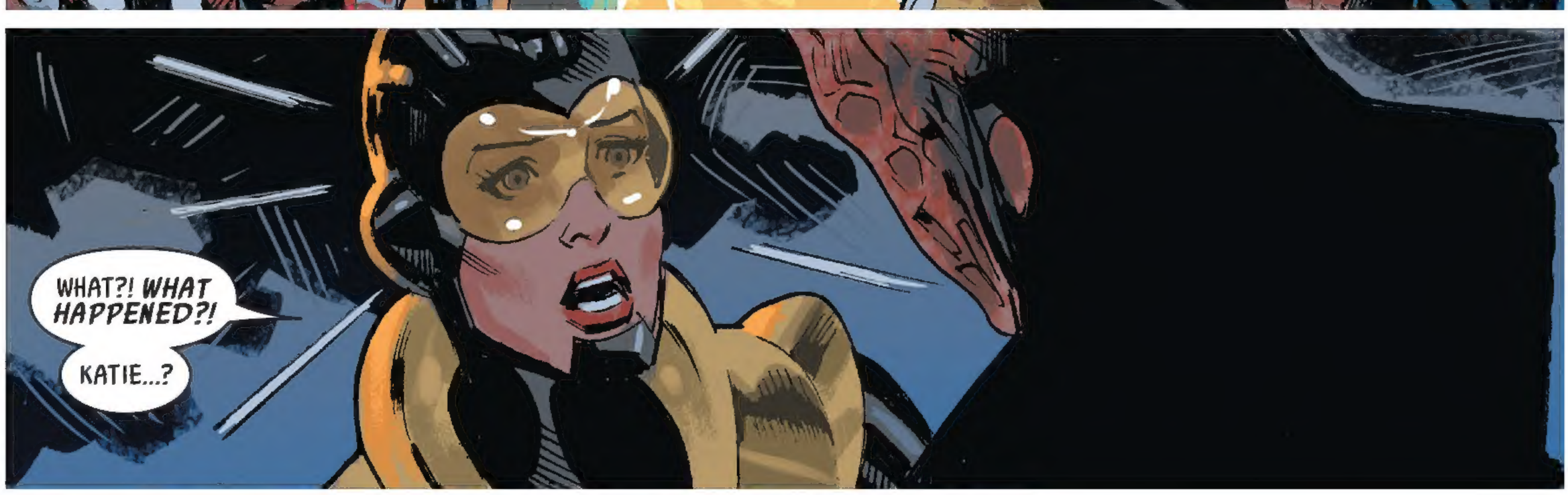
Y-YOU CAN'T HEAR HIM, CAN YOU?
WHO, ROGUE? WHO DO YOU HEAR?!


WHY AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HEAR SIMON?!

J-JANET...
ALEX!

MY GOD-- YOUR FACE!
THE WOUND IS FUSED--I'VE PROCESSED THE RADIATION.
I'M IN NO DANGER.

SHIRO... ARE YOU...
ALIVE, CAPTAIN. BUT NO LONGER WHAT I WAS.
IT WAS KANG, JANET.
KANG...


WHAT?! WHAT HAPPENED?!
KATIE...?

NO.

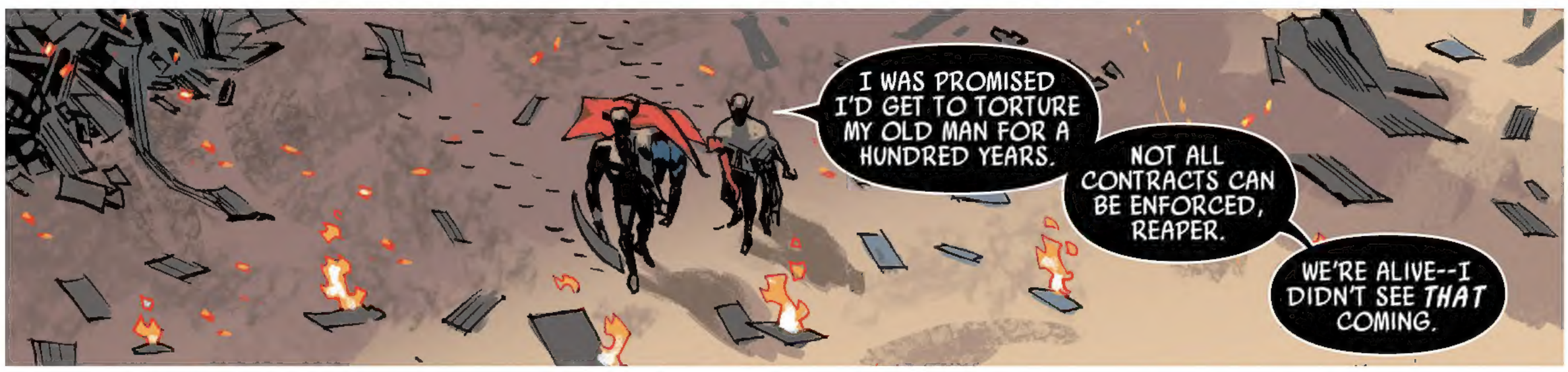
No
no
no
no

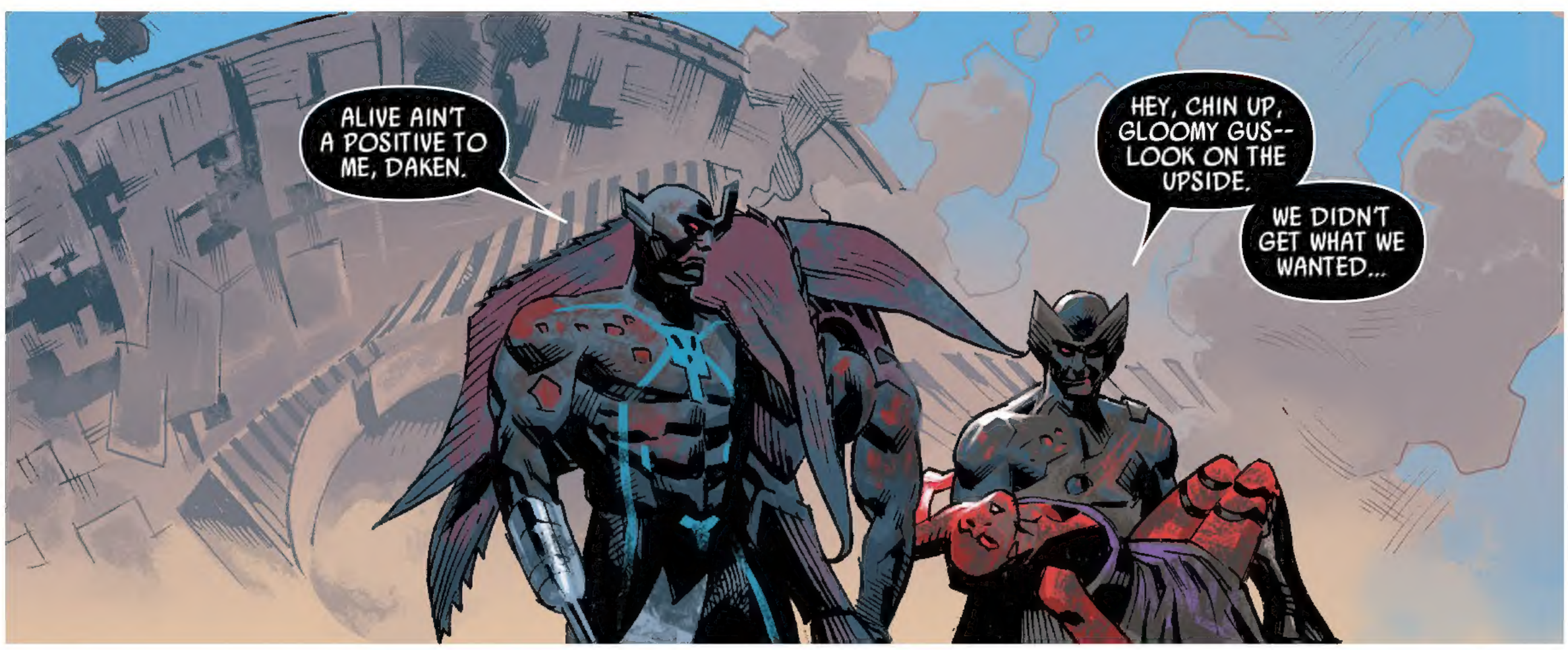
AVENGE THE EARTH

FINALE

Epilogue.
The Sahara
Desert.
WELL, THAT WAS A WASTE.

KWANG!
I KILLED ZERO PEOPLE.
I WAS PROMISED NO LESS THAN ROGUE AND CAPTAIN AMERICA HIMSELF.


I WAS PROMISED I'D GET TO TORTURE MY OLD MAN FOR A HUNDRED YEARS.
NOT ALL CONTRACTS CAN BE ENFORCED, REAPER.
WE'RE ALIVE--I DIDN'T SEE THAT COMING.


ALIVE AIN'T A POSITIVE TO ME, DAKEN.
HEY, CHIN UP, GLOOMY GUS--LOOK ON THE UPSIDE.
WE DIDN'T GET WHAT WE WANTED...

"...BUT THE SUN'LL COME UP TOMORROW."
End.